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SUBJECT: CROATIA RATIFIES CEFTA

Croatia's parliament ratified CEFTA on May 18. The vote of 101 in favor, 7 against and 3 abstentions reflects the solid support in Croatia for the agreement, which the business community hopes will bolster Croatia's exports to the region. Together with the South East Europe Cooperative Process Summit the GOC hosted in Zagreb earlier this month, this vote is another indication of the broad political consensus that exists in Croatia for greater regional engagement.

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